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Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

Applicant(s):

George D. Papasouliotis and Robert A. Tas

Assignee:

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
- (3) Response to Office Action (10 pages); and
- (4) Conditional Petition for Extension of Time.

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